

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2003**

A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Special City Council meeting of December 2, 2003, was called to order by Mayor Hitchcock at 7:04 a.m.

Present: Council Members – Beckman, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hitchcock

Absent: Council Members – Hansen

Also Present: City Manager Flynn, City Attorney Hays, and City Clerk Blackston

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR UPDATE

City Clerk Blackston reviewed the weekly calendar (filed).

Announcements

City Manager Flynn reported that he sent an email message to Council last night regarding the budget. He will be prepared to make recommendations to Council at the regularly scheduled meeting on December 17. He noted that a reception was held yesterday for Water/Wastewater Superintendent Fran Forkas who has retired. He stated that on Thursday at noon he would be accompanying his wife to Fresno, as she is having gastric bypass surgery on Friday morning. Mr. Flynn anticipated that he would also be absent on Monday.

B. REGULAR CALENDAR

B-1 "Identify and approve two priority projects for submittal to the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOC) for the annual "One Voice" visit to Washington, D.C."

City Manager Flynn stated that one of the criteria for a priority project is that it can be completed in the near term. He explained that Federal funding appropriations expire after four or five years.

Deputy City Manager Keeter reported that the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOC) "One Voice" trip is scheduled for March 21 to 26, 2004. Typically one Council Member and one staff member attends. She reported that the following projects had been considered in the past for the One Voice trip:

- White Slough Treatment Plant;
- Lodi Avenue Rail Safety Project;
- Aquatics Center;
- Indoor Sports Facility;
- Animal Shelter;
- Library Expansion;
- Fire Station 2 (remodel);
- Old Public Safety Building (remodel); and
- Highway 12 Safety Improvements.

Ms. Keeter noted that last year Lodi lobbied for the White Slough Treatment Plant and partnered with the County and Caltrans to lobby for the Highway 12 Safety Improvements.

Mayor Pro Tempore Howard commented that the new public safety building was also considered in 2001.

Ms. Keeter outlined the following criteria, which she explained are considered at the Federal level and may help make a project "sellable":

1. Is there a local match or state grant, fees, or bonds;
2. Is the project ready to go in the near future, e.g. it is important to have a comprehensive project description;
3. Is it transportation related;
4. Does it have a regional benefit;
5. Is there support or opposition from groups outside the city;
6. Is it a state or federally mandated project; and
7. Can the project be phased.

Fire Chief Pretz recalled that Fire Station 2 was originally part of the new public safety building project. After analysis by architectural firms and a structural engineer, it was suggested that the building be demolished and rebuilt. The building does not meet essential facility standards, Americans with Disabilities Act standards, or seismic resistance standards. He noted that staff is looking into funding through the hazard mitigation grant (Federal Emergency Management Agency funds) and Homeland Security grant for Fire Stations 2 and 4. He stated that the cost to replace Fire Station 2 is estimated at \$1.7 million. There is \$140,000 set aside in the next fiscal year for design. In response to the seven criteria outlined previously, he offered the following related to the Fire Station 2 project:

1. There is a 75/25 match for hazard mitigation funds;
2. It could be designed and ready to go in a short period of time;
3. Fire Station 2 responds to Highway 99 for transportation accidents;
4. Fire Station 2 is part of the group that would go to Stockton, Lockeford, and Clements areas if called into the countywide mutual aid system;
5. No opposition;
6. He reiterated that the building does not meet any of the essential facilities criteria; and
7. It is a one-phase project.

Police Captain Main reported that the Police Department pistol range is currently located in the basement of the police facility, which was established in 1966. It has severe ventilation problems and was recently subject to an Occupational Safety and Health Administration complaint. It does not meet current needs for the type of training that needs to be conducted. Captain Main noted that training makes police officers more proficient and protects the City against liability. He stated that the proposed Pistol Range and Joint Training Facility would be on a 10 to 12 acre parcel, perhaps in the White Slough area. It would be a cooperative training facility with the Fire Department and possibly also with San Joaquin Delta College's basic peace officer academy. It could be a source of revenue if other agencies were charged for using it. He estimated the cost from \$400,000 to \$500,000 for a simple range, and up to several million dollars to create a complete training facility. He noted that Police Chief Adams is looking into Homeland Security funding for the project. In response to the seven criteria outlined previously, he offered the following related to the Pistol Range and Joint Training Facility project:

1. The only match would be if it were a cooperative facility with San Joaquin Delta College;
2. The project is still in the exploratory stage;
3. N/A;
4. There could be regional benefits if other agencies were utilizing the facility;
5. Not aware of any opposition;
6. The project is not mandated; and
7. It can be done in phases.

Public Works Director Prima reported that the Lower Sacramento Road project has been a Measure K project since the inception of the program. The City has done the segment of Kettleman Lane to Turner Road, and the County recently did a segment in Woodbridge. The City is now in the design stage for the segment of Kettleman Lane to Harney Lane. The County has been working on the portion between Harney Lane and Eight Mile Road. He suggested that additional funding be requested for work at the Harney Lane intersection (including a temporary traffic signal) to coordinate with the work that the County will do on the curve in a future phase. In response to the seven criteria outlined previously, he offered the following related to the Lower Sacramento Road Improvements (south of Kettleman Lane) project:

1. The environmental phase has been completed;
2. The project description is complete;
3. It is transportation related;
4. There is a regional benefit;
5. Not aware of any opposition;
6. It is not mandated; and
7. The project can be done in phases.

Police Captain Main stated that the current animal shelter was built in the 1960s and was designed as a pound with enough space for one employee and temporary shelter for up to ten dogs until they were destroyed. In 2000 the Mayor appointed an Animal Shelter Task Force, which developed long- and short-term solutions. Construction of a new animal shelter facility is estimated at \$4 million. In response to the seven criteria outlined previously, he offered the following related to the Lodi Animal Shelter project:

1. No matching funding; however, the City has paid for design and land acquisition;
2. The project is ready to go;
3. N/A;
4. Many of the animals taken in and adopted are from county areas;
5. There is tremendous community support;
6. The current shelter does not meet state mandates; and
7. It is a one-phase project.

In reply to Mayor Hitchcock, Mr. Prima stated that the money set aside for future projects was earmarked for design. Mr. Flynn believed that there was only about \$1 million left; however, he stated that he would research it and provide an answer.

At Mr. Flynn's request, Mr. Prima announced that he was engaged to Marilyn Storey.

Mr. Prima stated that the plan for the Old Public Safety Building Remodel has been to move Community Development and Public Works into the building and move the Finance Department back into City Hall. He reported that an updated structural evaluation of the building is being done. Two years ago the estimate to remodel the building was approximately \$3.5 million. There is some potential to use impact fees for the Civic Center portion of the expansion.

Council Member Beckman stated that the White Slough project would be his first choice to submit to SJCOG for consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding Council Members' preferences for project submittal.

Mayor Pro Tempore Howard stated that she would like to attend the "One Voice" event.

MOTION / VOTE:

The City Council, on motion of Council Member Beckman, Land second, approved the following two projects for submittal to the SJCOG 2004 "One Voice" legislative visit to Washington, D.C.:

1. Lower Sacramento Road improvements south of Kettleman Lane
2. White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility improvements

and to further submit Fire Station 2 as a second-tier project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members – Beckman, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hitchcock

Noes: Council Members – None

Absent: Council Members – Hansen

C. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 a.m.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston  
City Clerk